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FOLLOWING SURVEY RESULTS (BASED ON 775 CASES REPRESENTATIVE
OF WEST GERMANY COLLECTED DECEMBER 7-11) REFLECT CURRENT
POPULAR ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE BERLIN SITUATION.

1. WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL DEVELOP FROM THE SOVIET
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF BERLIN? (OPEN QUESTION)

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SUMMARY TABLE

ANSWERS SUGGESTING RUSSIAN SUCCESS

(16 PERCENT)

BERLIN WILL BE SWALLOWED BY THE RUSSIANS 14
ALL OF GERMANY WILL BECOME COMMUNIST 2

ANSWERS SUGGESTING WESTERN SUCCESS

(16 PERCENT)

THE WEST WILL OPPOSE IT. THEY WILL NOT
WITHDRAW. 11
RUSSIA WILL NOT SUCCEED. IT WILL GIVE IN. 3
RUSSIA IS ONLY BLUFFING. IT ONLY TRIES TO
SEE HOW FAR IT CAN GO. 2

ANSWERS NOT INDICATING WHO WILL WIN

(69 PERCENT)

NOTHING WILL CHANGE. THINGS WILL STAY AS
THEY ARE. 15

THERE WILL BE A (COLD) WAR, STRIFE,
CONFLICTS, ETC. 9

THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS. 5

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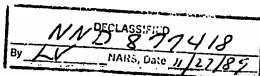
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MISCELLANEOUS ANSWERS
NO OPINION, NO ANSWER.

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100 PERCENT

2. HOW SERIOUS IS THE SITUATION OVER BERLIN NOW? (CARD)

VERY SERIOUS; FATE OF WEST BERLIN IS AT STAKE. 38 PERCENT

SOMEWHAT SERIOUS; BUT NOT ENDANGERING PRESENT STATUS OF WEST BERLIN. 27 PERCENT

NOT PARTICULARLY SERIOUS; IT WILL BLOW OVER. 24 PERCENT

NOT AT ALL SERIOUS; IT IS JUST A LOT OF TALK. 5 PERCENT

DON'T KNOW. 14 PERCENT

100 PERCENT

& SOME RESPONDENTS GAVE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER.

3. WHAT SHOULD THE WESTERN POWERS DO ABOUT BERLIN? (CARD)

DEAL WITH THE DDR IN ORDER TO STAY IN BERLIN. 24 PERCENT

REFUSE TO DEAL WITH DDR - USING FORCE TO STAY DESPITE THE RISKS INVOLVED. 12 PERCENT

REFUSE TO DEAL WITH DDR AND SUPPLY ALLIED BERLIN GARRISONS BY AIR. 9 PERCENT

WITHDRAW ALLIED TROOPS FROM BERLIN. 2 PERCENT

THEY SHOULD LET THE U. N. TAKE OVER WEST BERLIN. 28 PERCENT

DON'T KNOW. 25 PERCENT

100 PERCENT

4. WHAT DO YOU

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4. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST THING THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC SHOULD DO FOR WEST BERLIN? (CARD) (WHAT ELSE?)

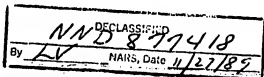
| | BEST: | NEXT: |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| CUT OFF TRADE WITH EAST GERMANY SUCH AS COAL, STEEL DELIVERIES. | 8 PERCENT | 4 PERCENT |
| EXERT POLITICAL PRESSURE THROUGH THE WESTERN POWERS. | 7 PERCENT | 8 PERCENT |
| APPEAL TO THE U.N. | 23 PERCENT | 20 PERCENT |
| USE THE BUNDESWEHR. | 1 PERCENT | 2 PERCENT |
| CALL ON NATO FOR MILITARY HELP. | 4 PERCENT | 10 PERCENT |
| THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC CANNOT DO ANYTHING SINCE IT IS UP TO THE WESTERN POWERS. | 33 PERCENT | 17 PERCENT |
| DON'T KNOW | 24 PERCENT | 39 PERCENT |
| | 100 PERCENT | 100 PERCENT |

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5. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE SOVIETS ACTUALLY WANT TO ACHIEVE WITH THEIR PROPOSALS? (CARD)

GET THE WEST OUT OF BERLIN AND LATER ABSORB IT INTO THE DDR.

44 PERCENT

KEEP THE WEST OFF BALANCE AND IN A CRISIS SITUATION.

14 PERCENT

WANT TO FORCE RECOGNITION OF THE DDR BY THE WEST.

14 PERCENT

FORCE WEST TO AGREE TO A GENERAL FOUR POWER CONFERENCE IN A SITUATION ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE SOVIETS.

5 PERCENT

USE BERLIN TO FORCE WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF A SOLUTION TO THE GERMAN PROBLEM ON SOVIET TERMS.

11 PERCENT

DON'T KNOW.

20 PERCENT

108 PERCENT

& SOME RESPONDENTS GAVE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER.

6. IN VIEW OF SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT BERLIN, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS DO YOU THINK THEY ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT? AND HOW ABOUT THE WESTERN POWERS? (CARD)

SOVIETS:

WESTERN POWERS:

REUNIFICATION

PERCENT

62 PERCENT

GERMAN PEACE

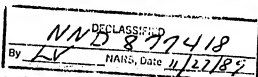
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| GERMAN PEACE TREATY WITHOUT REUNIFICATION. | 22 PERCENT | 7 PERCENT |
| STATUS OF BERLIN. | 13 PERCENT | 15 PERCENT |
| DEMILITARIZED BELT IN CENTRAL EUROPE. | 27 PERCENT | 3 PERCENT |
| NOTHING. | 32 PERCENT | 7 PERCENT |
| OTHERS. | 4 PERCENT | 4 PERCENT |
| DON'T KNOW. | 14 PERCENT | 14 PERCENT |
| | 116 PERCENT | 112 PERCENT |

& SOME RESPONDENTS GAVE MORE THAN ONE ANSWER.

7. SUPPOSE THE WEST REJECTS THE SOVIET PROPOSALS, WHAT IN YOUR OPINION WILL HAPPEN THEN? (OPEN QUESTION)

SUMMARY TABLE

EXPECTATIONS OF TROUBLE. (29 PERCENT)

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|---|----|
| THERE WILL BE STRIFE, UNREST, WAR. | 18 |
| THE RUSSIANS WILL OCCUPY ALL OF BERLIN. | 8 |
| THERE WILL BE ANOTHER BLOCKADE OF BERLIN. | 3 |

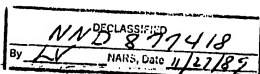
NO EXPECTATIONS OF TROUBLE. (41 PERCENT)

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|---|----|
| NOTHING WILL CHANGE. | 22 |
| THE RUSSIANS WILL GIVE IN. | 7 |
| THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS, CONFERENCES. | 6 |
| THE WESTERN POWERS WILL STAY ON. | 1 |
| RUSSIA IS ONLY BLUFFING. | 1 |
| MISCELLANEOUS ANSWERS. | 4 |

NO ANSWER, NO OPINION: (30 PERCENT)

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100 PERCENT

8. VARIOUS PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE RECENTLY AS TO HOW GERMAN REUNIFICATION SHOULD BE ACHIEVED. WOULD YOU, PLEASE TELL ME FOR EACH OF THE THREE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH IT OR NOT?

A) THE FOUR GREAT POWERS SHOULD RELEASE THE TWO PARTS OF GERMANY FROM THEIR (RESPECTIVE) MILITARY PACT SYSTEMS SO THAT A REUNITED GERMANY MAY BE INCLUDED IN A SECURITY PACT SYSTEM GUARANTEED BY THEM.

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|------------|-------------|
| FAVOR | 42 PERCENT |
| OPPOSE | 21 PERCENT |
| DON'T KNOW | 37 PERCENT |
| | 100 PERCENT |

B) WEST GERMANY SHALL CONTINUE TO ARM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO) IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO PROMISING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AT A SUITABLE MOMENT.

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| FAVOR | 23 PERCENT |
| OPPOSE | 42 PERCENT |
| DON'T KNOW | 35 PERCENT |
| | 100 PERCENT |

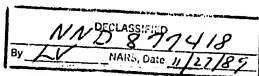
C) THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (EAST ZONE) SHALL WORK OUT PROPOSALS FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF A FUTURE ALL-GERMANY, WHICH WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOUR GREAT POWERS FOR APPROVAL.

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| FAVOR | 39 PERCENT |
| OPPOSE | 24 PERCENT |

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DON'T KNOW

37 PERCENT

100 PERCENT

9. DO YOU BELIEVE THE WESTERN POWERS ARE STRONGER THAN RUSSIA IN THE AREA OF ATOMIC WEAPONS, ARE THEY WEAKER, OR ARE THEY EQUALLY STRONG?

WEST IS WEAKER

17 PERCENT

WEST IS STRONGER

19 PERCENT

BOTH EQUALLY AS STRONG

43 PERCENT

DON'T KNOW

21 PERCENT

100 PERCENT

ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS BEING COLLECTED. BY DECEMBER 20 WILL BE 2,000 CASES, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN. COMPARISON WEST BERLIN AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC REACTIONS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY END DECEMBER.

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